

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form.

The listed information was cited in the parent of the present divisional application, Application No. 09/170,653, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for review of those documents. (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) and MPEP § 609.) Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that the listed information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portions of the enclosed PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of same to Applicants' attorneys of record.

Note that U.S. Patent No. 6,477,570 was cited as a co-pending application in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the parent of the present application. Because the cited application has now issued, a copy of the issued patent is enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. applications:

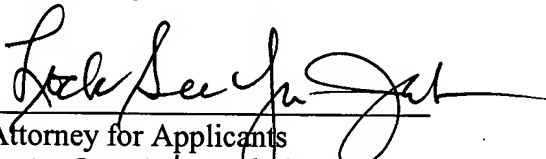
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A copy of each cited U.S. application, as originally filed, is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		<b>6,477,570</b>	<b>11/2002</b>	<b>Takayama et al.</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>224</b>	
		<b>6,126,265</b>	<b>10/2000</b>	<b>Childers</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>23</b>	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		<b>11-134126</b>	<b>05/1999</b>	<b>Japan</b>			
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
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